



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Toshimitsu ISHIKAWA et al.

Docket No.

00724/P10-258981/AM/SAN/US

Serial No. 09/393,168

Group Art Unit 1617

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of December 8, 2000, constituting a requirement for election of species, the time for responding thereto being extended for four months in accordance with a Petition for extension submitted herewith, Applicants hereby make the following provisional elections:

As between species (A) and species (B), Applicants provisionally elect species (B).

As between species (C) and species (D), Applicants provisionally elect species (C).

As among species (E), species (F) and species (G), Applicants provisionally elect species (E).

All of claims 1-20 read on the elected species.

These elections are made while reserving Applicants' rights under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application for the non-elected subject matter.

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Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

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Petition for Extension of Time \$695.00

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975, with the EXCEPTION of deficiencies in fees for multiple dependent claims in new applications.

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